

September 2, 2014

The Grant County Commission met at 8AM with Commissioners Dummann, Forrette, Mann, Stengel and Tucholke present. Chairman Dummann called the meeting to order. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Mann to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Forrette to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Members of the public present were Richard Will, Dan Loehrer, John Loehrer, Joe Meyer, Donna Haag, Gail Peterson, Jerry Zubke and Duane Hay.

Drainage: Chairman Dummann adjourned the Board of Commissioners and convened the Commission acting as the Drainage Board.

Permit DR 2014-24 for Doug Schneck in the NW ¼ (881.62 Ft) in 14-119-48 (Vernon Township). P & Z Officer Krista Atyeo-Gortmaker stated the project crosses a township road (156th St) to connect with adjacent landowner Richard Will's tiling project to outlet into the natural run. The tiling diagram indicates a berm is to be built and a pump installed to channel the water north into Richard Will's tile. Dan Loehrer spoke and stated he has recorded vested drainage rights for the acres he owns adjacent to the Schneck land. He indicated he is not opposed to the tiling of the land only the berm that is being built as the berm would back up water onto his land. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Stengel to approve DR 2014-24 with a condition of the permit being that a berm is not built to impede the natural flow of water from the Loehrer land into the natural run. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR 2014-25 for Western Consolidated in the NW ¼ Ex Lots H2 & H3 and W 16 rods of NE ¼ & SW ¼ Ex RTY & Ex Parts of Railroad RTY in 7-120-49 (Grant Center Township). Krista presented the tiling diagram for the two fields by the entrance to the West Con facility off Highway 12. The natural drainage for this land goes east and runs thru two culverts under Highway 12 to the creek north of the highway and continues east. Jerry Zubke spoke on the flow of the water going east is the correct watershed for this tiling project. A letter from downstream landowner Charles Russman was read by the Commission which expressed concern on the additional amount of water the creek would receive as the creek does overflow during a 3 or 4 inch rain. Gail Peterson expressed concern with the amount of chemical run off entering the stream. Wes Con employee Joe Meyer stated berms are built to contain any chemical spills within their facility and

inspected on a regular basis. Chairman Dummann discussed how tiling releases water at a rate determined by the tile size, but overland flooding happens when there is a large rainfall. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Stengel to approve permit DR 2014-25. Motion carried 5-0.

This concluded the business for the drainage board. Chairman Dummann adjourned the Drainage Board and reconvened the Board of Commissioners.

Highway: Farmington Township has requested a culvert for a section line road improvement the township has decided to complete. The section line is being improved for approximately 3/8 of a mile to allow access to fields. Supt Schultz will review the site to determine culvert size. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Mann for Supt Schultz to provide the culvert. Motion carried 5-0.

Travel: Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Forrette to approve travel for Highway Secretary Jen Wellnitz to attend the D-Ware software conference in Mitchell and for Weed Supervisor Nathan Mueller to attend a Mosquito Conference in Spearfish. Motion carried 5-0.

911 Contract: Motion by Mann and seconded by Forrette to authorize Chairman Dummann to sign the 2015 E-911 contract with the City of Watertown to provide E-911 and PSAP service. Motion carried 5-0. The contract for 2015 remains at 90% of the actual surcharge revenue received each month.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Forrette and seconded by Mann to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Approve surplus of gray secretary chair from States Attorney Office, fixed asset 7611, broken
2. Approve step increase from 6 month to 1 year at a rate of \$19.10 per hour for Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Steffensen effective 08-12-14
3. Approve auto supplement of expense and revenue of \$9115.96 to Sheriff budget due to vehicle accident repair

2015 Budget Hearing: The published 9AM hearing for the 2015 budget was held. Librarian Jody Carlson presented a revised request to the Fines Fund budget, the 246 Fund and the General Fund. The changes would move an electrical lighting project to the Fines Fund, moves the purchase of a circulation desk from the General Fund to the 246 Memorial Fund and adds hours for personnel services. The overall changes would reduce the General Fund Provisional allocation. The

Commission continued to review proposed changes to revenue and expense in preparation of the final adoption of the 2015 budget to be on September 23 at 9AM.

Housing Authority: Arlo Smith, owner of RAM Enterprises introduced himself to the Board and informed the Board the Grant County Housing Authority had hired his firm to manage the local office. Commissioner Tucholke, who serves on the Board stated the office would still be located in the courthouse and the firm would be hiring a part time office personnel.

Vernon Township: Supervisor Lowell Boe discussed a bridge located on 487th Ave in Vernon Township by the Tim Wollschalger residence. It is a wooden structure with a 36 ft span. Currently the rating is posted at 6 ton. He asked if Supt Schultz had discussed with the Commission the condition of the bridge and if the bridge was scheduled to be repaired or replaced. The Commission asked Lowell to discuss the issue with Supt Schultz and they would place the bridge repair on the next agenda.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence: A letter from Fish and Wildlife on a comment period for considering an endangered species was reviewed.

Claims: Motion by Mann and seconded by Stengel to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 5-0. BITUMINOUS PAVING, asphalt hwy project 8,274.24; CENTER POINT, books 117.72; CENTURLINK, phone 94.64; CHIROPRACTIC IN MOTION, health card testing 120.00; CHS-BORDER STATES, LP 1,017.46; D-WARE, regis 100.00; EMERY PRATT, books 86.97; FREMAREK, supplies 488.42; GALE GROUP, books 375.50; GRANT-ROBERTS RURAL WATER, water 45.15; GRANT/ROBERTS AMBULANCE, alloca 2,458.33; MIKEL GREAR, reimburse 4,250.00; INLAND TRUCK PARTS, parts 395.59; INTOXIMETERS, supplies 350.00; LEWIS FAMILY DRUG, supplies 79.68; AL'S BODY SHOP, repair 9,167.16; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 623.25; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, nat gas 30.00; OFFICE PEEPS, supplies 220.19; MILBANK GLASS & MORE, repair 307.14; RELIANCE TELEPHONE, call cards 500.00; SD PROPERTY SURPLUS, chairs & supplies 35.00; THOMSON REUTERS, ref material 280.25; QUICK PROLUBE, oil change 55.41; XEROX, copier rent 157.63. TOTALS: \$29,629.73.

SD ATTORNEY GENERAL, 24/7 fee 788.00.

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The next scheduled meeting dates will be Sept 23(4th Tuesday) and October 7 and 21, 2014 at 8 AM. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Stengel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Karen M. Layher, Grant County Auditor

Paul Dummann, Chairman, Grant County Comm.